

The Convention being informed, that Elisha Winters of Kent county was willing to contract for the making a quantity of fire-arms for the public, RESOLVED, That the terms offered by the said Elisha Winters be referred to the committee appointed to consider of the proposals of Henry Hollingsworth.

The president laid before the Convention a letter from the deputies of this province in Congress, inclosing the following resolution, to wit:

“ In CONGRESS, May 15, 1776.

“ WHEREAS his Britanic majesty, in conjunction with the lords and commons of Great-Britain, has, by a late act of parliament, excluded the inhabitants of these United Colonies from the protection of his crown—And whereas no answer whatever, to the humble petitions of the colonies for redress of grievances and reconciliation with Great-Britain, has been, or is likely to be given, but the whole force of that kingdom, aided by foreign mercenaries, is to be exerted for the destruction of the good people of these colonies—And whereas it appears absolutely irreconcilable to reason and good conscience, for the people of these colonies NOW to take the oaths and affirmations necessary for the support of any government under the crown of Great-Britain; and it is necessary that the exercise of every kind of authority under the said crown should be totally suppressed, and all the powers of government exerted under the authority of the people of the colonies, for the preservation of internal peace, virtue, and good order, as well as for the defence of their lives, liberties and properties, against the hostile invasions and cruel depredations of their enemies—Therefore RESOLVED, That it be recommended to the respective assemblies, and conventions, of the United Colonies, where no government sufficient to the exigences of their affairs has been hitherto established, to adopt such government as shall, in the opinion of the representatives of the people, best conduce to the happiness and safety of their constituents in particular, and America in general.

“ Extract from the minutes, CHA. THOMSON, secretary.”

Which was read and thereupon RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to take the same into consideration, and report thereon; and Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Paca, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Hollyday, and Mr. Tilghman, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

The proceedings of the committee of observation for Prince-George's county on the 16th instant were read and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from the merchants of Dorchester county; a letter from John Hanson, jun. of Frederick county; and a petition from the minute company lately commanded by capt. William Henry, praying to be established a company of militia, under their late officers, were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

Met according to adjournment.

ORDERED, That the musquets made and sent hither by Henry Yost and John Unfold of Frederick county, in consequence of their respective contracts with the Council of